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In re

Patent Application of

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Examiner: Hai Tran

“ELECTRONIC PAYMENT AND
AUTHENTICATION SYSTEM WITH DEBIT AND
IDENTIFICATION DATA VERIFICATION AND
ELECTRONIC CHECK CAPABILITIES”

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.104(e)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The following comments are submitted in response to the February 24, 2010 Notice of Allowance issued in the above-referenced patent application.

In the Reasons for Allowance accompanying the Notice of Allowance, the Examiner indicates that the prior art fails to disclose or suggest the combination of features set forth in the allowed claims and recites a number of elements in support of this conclusion. Applicants respectfully submit that the Reasons for Allowance set forth only some of the features and elements claimed in claims 48-80 of the present application and that the reasons presented represent only some of the reasons why some of the claims are allowable.

In this regard, other reasons exist for the allowability of each claim and provide additional and different bases for allowance of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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